

# Rapid River News

January 26th, 2015

**News , updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information.** Please note that: Hyperlinks are scattered throughout the RRN .These 'links' take you direct to documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on them or copy and paste them in your browser for more info! \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Election 2015!** The 2015 Primary Election is February 13th! Ballots were mailed January 9th and Candidate articles are in the January **Currents**. The slate of candidates is shown on page 3 of this Rapid River News. The election will be held in the Lodge Room (Tribal Council Chambers).

**Bob Guenthardt Honored!** Bob Guenthardt was honored last week in the Manistee News Advocate when the 'honorable mentions' were announced for Citizen of the Year in Manistee. He recognized for his starting and nurturing of the **Tight Lines for Troops** annual veterans fishing tournament.

**New BOD member brought in!** At the opening of the Board of Directors January meeting (1.23.15), Linda Andre was welcomed as the new member holding seat #6.

**Natural Resources.** Please return your Deer and Turkey tags, whether harvested or not. If you harvested a deer or turkey please return bottom half of form and fill out as indicated. Thank you to all who already returned their deer and turkey tags. It helps us to track Tribal Citizens hunting needs so we may better serve you. **2015 USFS Huron and Manistee passes are here.** Pick up your passes at the Natural Resources office in Manistee at 310, 9th Street. See Bonnie or Peggy. Please see information on page 12 to know where Tribal Citizens may use the pass.

**Elder Committee Monthly Meeting:** The next Elders Meeting is February 7th. The elders are considering holding a candidate forum at the March 7th meeting. Location and times to be announced.

**January Currents** is online at [www.lrbai-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/currents/2015/January%202015%20Currents.pdf](http://www.lrbai-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/currents/2015/January%202015%20Currents.pdf) . (Copy and paste in your browser)

**Goonignebig 2015!** The 2015 Snowsnake at LRBOI is set for this February 21st! See page 10 for details for this year's event. The Goonignebig will be held just behind the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center in Manistee. Participants are being encouraged to share their 'snakes' with those who do not have one so that all attendees can join in this special fun.

The '**Inspire**' pre-College program for 2015 has been announced. Tribal High School Juniors and Seniors have a unique opportunity. Please see the flyer for full details on page 11.

**Commodities at Warehouse!** The Commodity Department will be at the warehouse this week. Call 398.6715

**Skakaamik kwe!** Thursday the 29th at 1:14 p.m. Historical Preservation is holding a meeting to plan an Earth Day Celebration. Skakaamik kwe giizhgat! Meet at Historical Preservation in the Government Center.

**'Nme Release Scheduled!** The Natural Resources Department has announced that the 12th Annual 'Nme (Sturgeon) Release is going to be held on September 12th at Rainbow Bend. Make sure and add it to your calendars!

**LRBOI Workforce Development Updates!** See page 8 for complete updates on programs from the tribal workforce development program....including internships and other services. Contact the Workforce Development Specialist at 231-398-6842, toll free at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, or by e-mail at [dhawley@lrbai-nsn.gov](mailto:dhawley@lrbai-nsn.gov) .





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## (Cultural & Government related items)

**Warriors Society:** Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email [vjohnson@lrboi.com](mailto:vjohnson@lrboi.com) for an application and/or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.

Commander John Shano reported that this month, members of the Warriors participated in the funeral services for GTB's Chair George Bennett-ba and LRBOI Warrior Joe Koon-ba.



**Wawiinge maadaadiziwin".** "Beginning a journey with wellness" Talking Circle 12-Step meeting. Wenesh pii: Every Wednesday @ 3:30pm Aanni pish: BeDaBin Conference Room. We meet weekly to support healing thru a holistic approach to wellness including recovery of all forms utilizing Anishnaabe values and teachings to encourage the adoption of a healthy, balanced lifeway by reclaiming our place in the circle of life

For more information:

Dottie 231-398-6741 or Julie 231-398-6740

Sponsored by Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

**Commission Openings!** The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.

Megwa Ezhiweback  
(What's happening now)

## Currents



### 2015 Election Coverage

Aug-14	Page 1,8,9,10
Sep-14	Pages 4,5
Oct-14	Pages 1,7,8,9
Nov-14	Pages 1,8,9
Dec-14	Pages 2,3,8,9

### From the editor...

There had been some question about the Election coverage and having information out to the membership and candidates in plenty of time. Here is a list of the actual pages of information and the issues of the **Currents** where it appeared in 2014. Other postings of information have appeared on Facebook, the web-site and in e-mail blasts.



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## 2015 LRBOI Election Candidates (candidate names are listed in random order as provided by the Election Board)

### Office of the Ogema

#### TRIBAL OGEMA

Steve Parsons

Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli

Jimmie Mitchell

Michael J. Ceplina

Shannon Paul Crampton

Gary Paul DiPiazza (sees-bak-tunse)

Dave Corey

### Office of Tribal Council-At Large

Joseph Riley II

Marcella M. Leusby-withdrew

Sally Bell

Edward Tyler

Norbert Kelsey

Peggy J. Vriesman

Michael J. Charlow

### Office of Tribal Council-9 County

#### 9-COUNTY

Alvin Patricio

Ronald Wittenberg

Jim Medacco

Jessica Lynn Burger

Jamie Friedel

Sandy Mezeske

Amy Gilles

Al Metzger Oskaabaawis

Delano D. Peters

Candace M. Chapman

Steven E. Kequom

Sandra "Peanut" Lewis

Pat Ruiter

Justin L. Kelsey

Loretta Beccaria-Lindeman

Brian Loney

Jeff Battice

Pamela Medahko

John Pabami

Corey A. Wells

Rita Annette Gale

#### CHIEF JUDGE

Daniel T. Bailey

Joshua C. Stone

Sharron Cogswell Detz

Jonnie Jay Sam II

Austen J. Brauker

#### ELECTION BOARD

Peggy Derouin

Tammy Bowen

Brandi Drake-Blamer

Karen Love

Valerie Robinson McDonnell

#### APPELLATE COURT JUDGE-ELDER

Joseph J. LaPorte

Justice Cynthia Pete Champagne

#### APPELLATE COURT JUDGE-ATTORNEY

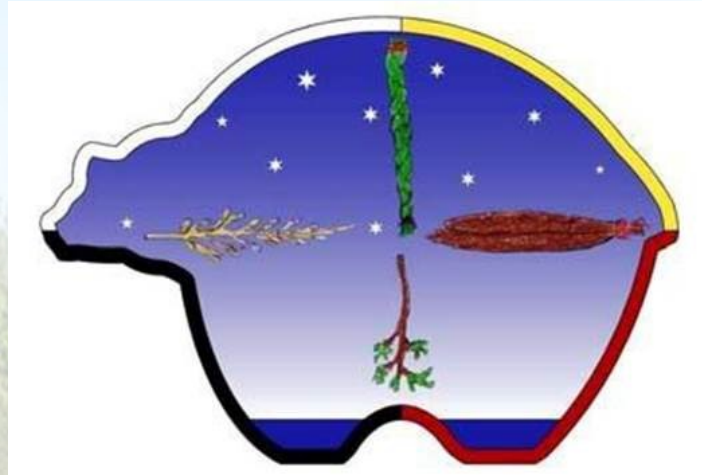
Damian S. Fisher

Melissa L. Pope



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Kateri Spring Pow wow

March 21 , 2015 –noon to 5

Grand Entry 1 pm

Give away 3;30

Feast 4 pm

DISH TO PASS FOR FEAST

Reeths Puffer Middle School

1911 W Giles Rd.

Muskegon , Michigan 49445

Native Dancing and native crafts

Free tables for vendors

FREE Admission

A day of Family – Food – Fun



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## January 2015 Docket (subject to deletions or additions)

### Key:

CO Cora Offense/Conservation  
CS Child Support  
CT Civil Ticket  
DM Divorce with children  
DO Divorce w/o children  
EA Enrollment Appeal  
EB Election Board Appeal  
EM Emancipation of Minor  
FJ Foreign Judgment  
FSJ Foreign Support Judgment  
GA Gaming Appeal

GC General Civil  
GM Guardianship of Minor  
GR Employment Matter  
JC Judicial Complaint  
JV Juvenile  
LT Landlord Tenant  
NA Neglect Abuse  
NC Name Change  
PF Probate  
PPO Personal Protection Order

Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

14263TM 10:00 a.m. LRBOI v Gunderson Arraignment Hearing

14236DO 2:00 p.m. McKinnon v McKinnon Final Divorce Hearing

-----No others are scheduled for the month of January-----

### Members Assistance Department update

Please note that the FY2015 budget was approved and if assistance is needed, tribal members should contact the Members Assistance department at the Government Center in Manistee.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Small Farm Conference is coming up and Winona LaDuke is one of the key note speakers. Follow the link below to see all the details.

Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference | Equipping the small farm community with the tools to be successful, and creating a forum for the open exchange of ideas within the small farm community.

<http://smallfarmconference.com/>

***"From Wakan Tanka, the Great Spirit, there came a great unifying life force that flowed in and through all things: the flowers of the plains, blowing winds, rocks, trees, birds, animals, and was the same force that had been breathed into the first man. Thus all things were kindred, and were brought together by the same Great Mystery."***

***-- Chief Luther Standing Bear, SIOUX***

*The Great Spirit has six things that make up this life force. They are life, love, intelligence, soul, principle, and truth. These are the reasons the life cycle continues. None of this can be altered by man, but we can have access to these powers any time we wish. Just think about it - anytime I have a need I can access one or more of these powers.*

***"Oh Great Mystery, let me know how to use these powers. Today, let me love life, let me know truth, let me live by principle, and let me follow Your intelligence."***

## **New Interactive Forms**

Tribal Membership Submission Forms and included the 3 forms.

Election forms for Ogema:

Election forms for all other offices:

Hunting Submissions: [https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/LRBOI\\_Hunters\\_Submissions.pdf](https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/LRBOI_Hunters_Submissions.pdf)

Membership Submission for Currents: [https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/Members\\_Submissions\\_1.pdf](https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/Members_Submissions_1.pdf)

Elder's Conference Submissions: [https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/elders\\_conference\\_memory2014\\_.pdf](https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/elders_conference_memory2014_.pdf)

**REGISTER TO VOTE IN OUR ELECTION!**

**Voter Registration forms are  
available Monday through Friday from  
the Enrollment Department at the  
Government Center in Manistee.**



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## LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line, in tribal newsletters, and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity.

[www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov)

Rapid River News Weekly

Tribal Government Buildings

Global E-mail

Michigan Works Offices or Website

By calling the HR Department

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check "temporary" or place "temp pool" on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills.

### **Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions**

Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

**LRBOI Human Resources**

**2608 Government Center Drive**

**Manistee, MI 49660**

For submission policies regarding editorial or communications processes for the Currents or the Rapid River News, please go to [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com) under the tabs for both publications. You will see the full policies written there. These include the editorial and communication protocols for the Office of Public Affairs in effect at this time. To comment upon these policies, please use [currentscomments@lrboi.com](mailto:currentscomments@lrboi.com) and send in your thoughts for consideration by the staff. Emergency Management protocols will be available upon request and per authorization by the Office of the Ogema as they constitute secure information designed to protect the lives and investments of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, their members,



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## LRBOI Workforce Development

The **LRBOI Workforce Development Programs** are operated through the tribe's Commerce Department. The Workforce Development Programs links job placement and skill development into a system of lifelong learning and opportunity. Through resources and services created for employers, employees, the unemployed and the under-employed, Tribal Citizens utilizing Workforce Development Program services can take control of their economic future and the security of their families. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Workforce Development Programs contributes to the economic security of LRBOI, its' businesses and communities through a comprehensive program of skill-building and educational components. These components include: 1) **Internship Program** for the college student designed to provide the Tribal Citizen with the opportunity to gain supervised experience in a work setting for which academic credit is earned; 2) **Internship Hosting** to assist LRBOI Tribal Citizens who are in the Internship component by providing them with a low or no-cost lodging opportunity so they may fulfill their Internship requirements in a safe and friendly environment; 3) **Development & Training** providing various training and services as needed for LRBOI Tribal Citizens; 4) **Career Assistance Voucher** to be used for supplies, tools, clothes, transportation, or anything that reasonably assists the individual in advancing their career; 5) **GED/Adult Education Voucher** to help cover costs associated with the completion of a high school diploma or GED; 6) **Adult (18+ years) and Youth (16-17) Work Experience Employment Programs** are designed to provide the Tribal Citizen not in higher education supervised experience in an entry level work setting without having to achieve an academic requirement. Mandatory Job Readiness Training is required to complete the program; 7) Need based **Vocational Assistance Award** available to the Tribal Citizen attending a post-secondary state or accredited vocational/technical program who has applied for all other available financial aid and shows unmet need; 8) **Summer College Book Stipend** for Tribal Citizens attending a non-profit accredited college or university may receive assistance in purchasing college textbooks and supplies for Summer Semester only. For additional details, please follow this link: <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/index.php/membership-services/commerce> or contact the Workforce Development Program at LRBOI.

### **Vouchers for Newly Hired Tribal Citizens**

LRBOI Tribal Citizens at least 18 years of age who are newly hired at a new employer and within 30 days of your hire date, you may qualify for a Career Assistance Voucher of \$200.00 and/or an Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher of \$250.00 through the LRBOI Workforce Development Program. If you are a new hire, please contact the Workforce Development Specialist within 30 days of hire at 231-398-6842, toll free at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, or by e-mail at [dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov).

### **Tribal Government Internships**

LRBOI Tribal Preference College Students at least 18 years of age may qualify for a paid internship in a Tribal Government Office. For details on how you may qualify, contact the Workforce Development Specialist at 231-398-6842, toll free at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, or by e-mail at [dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:dhawley@lrboi-nsn.gov).



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Little River Casino Resort

## CONCERT LINE UP FOR 2015

Friday – February 6th **Tesla** at 9pm • **SOLD OUT** Jack \$35, Queen \$45, King \$60

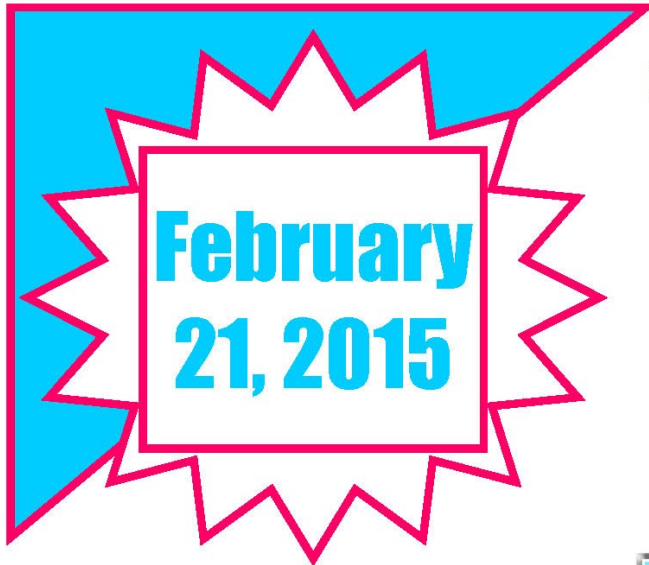
Friday – February 27th **Jim Belushi** at 9pm • On Sale Now! **And the Board of Comedy**  
Jack \$30, Queen \$40, King \$50

Friday – March 6th **Kix & Slaughter** at 9pm • On Sale Now! Jack \$25, Queen \$33, King \$38

Saturday – March 28th **Under The Streetlamp** at 8pm • On Sale Now! Jack \$25,  
Queen \$35, King \$40

More upcoming shows to be announced soon. Stay tuned, and thank you for choosing  
Little River Casino Resort.





# Annual Goonignebig (Snowsnake) Tournament

Location: LRBOI Aki Maadiziwin Community Center  
located at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee, MI

## Age Categories

1-4                      12-17  
5-11                    18-54  
55+

Girls/Boys and Women/Men will each be  
separate for each age category

- Competitors **MUST** be registered
- All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult at all times
- Competitors **MUST** be on site and ready when their name is called

Everyone is invited to attend and participate! Come enjoy the fun!



**Sponsored by the  
Little River Band  
of Ottawa Indians  
Historic  
Preservation  
Department**

➡ Competition starts  
at 10:00 am ⬅

Lunch will be provided

**NO** all metal snakes are allowed.

Two throws per competitor; longest score counts.  
Throws that jump the track will be counted/scored.

Sharing of snakes **is** allowed.

Open to **everyone!**

Tournament is dependent upon the weather—  
prior to event, check for cancellation/delay

**Registration the day of the  
event will be from 9-10 am or  
you may pre-register by calling  
1-888-723-8288, ext. 6895 or  
email [vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov)**

By participating, you acknowledge that photographs and/or digital recording may be taken during the Tournament and convey all rights, title, and interest concerning the photographic images and/or digital recording to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. It is further understood that these photographic images and/or digital recordings may be published and/or posted on the internet or tribal website or any other way in which the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians deems necessary. All rights are voluntarily waived to these photographic images and/or digital recordings.



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**INSPIRE**

Pre-College Program

**2015**

**The INSPIRE Pre-College Program** is a full scholarship open to Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian rising junior and senior high school students, including 2015 anticipated graduates, who want to spend 3-weeks on the George Washington University (GW) campus to learn about intergovernmental relations between tribal governments and the federal government.

The program centers on a full-day, experiential undergraduate course taught by GW faculty, Native Politics and the American Political System, which will offer opportunities for students to meet and interview influential Native advocates who work in Washington, D.C.

As an added bonus, INSPIRE students live on campus and participate in recreational programs with the community of high school students enrolled in GW Pre-College programs.

## What does the INSPIRE scholarship cover?

- One course in Native Politics and the American Political System (3 undergraduate credit hours)
- Room and board at GW
- Airfare to and from Washington, DC (one round-trip ticket)
- All required textbooks
- Required local travel related to the course

*The INSPIRE Pre-College Program is made possible by a generous grant from the AT&T Foundation.*

**PROGRAM DATES:** July 5 - 25, 2015

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** March 1, 2015



Native American  
Political Leadership Program

*Apply @* **INSPIRE.NAPLP.GWU.EDU**

THE GEORGE  
WASHINGTON  
UNIVERSITY  
WASHINGTON, DC



## **2015 USFS Huron and Manistee passes—where you can use them!**

**Pick up your pass at the LRBOI Natural Resources offices at 310, 9th Street in Manistee.**

**See Bonnie or Peggy in the office for your pass!**

**Manistee National forest Service  
Cadillac/Manistee Ranger Station  
USFS Passes-(Stickers)  
Fishing Access Sites**

**River Access**

**Manistee River:**

Rainbow Bend  
Bear Creek  
Blacksmith Bayou  
High Bridge  
Sawdust Hole

**Pine River:**

Elm flats  
Dobson Bridge  
Peterson Bridge  
Low Bridge

**Trailheads**

Big M (summer only)  
Marilla – North Country Trail  
Udell – North Country Trail  
Free Soil – North Country Trail  
Nurnberg – Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness  
Lake Michigan Recreation Area –Nordhouse Dunes  
Lake Michigan Recreation Area (day use area)  
Ravine Campground  
Hoag's Lake (day use area)

**Campgrounds & Picnic Area**

**Baldwin/white Cloud Ranger Station**

**River Access**

**Pere Marquette River:**

Bowman Bridge  
Claybank  
Gleason's Landing  
Green Cottage  
Indian Bridge  
Rainbow Rapids  
Upper Branch

**White River:**

Diamond Point  
Bowman Lake  
Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary (M-20)

**Trailheads**

**Campgrounds & Picnic Areas**

Brush Lake  
Hungerford Lake  
Indian Lake  
Little Muskegon  
Minnie Pond  
Nichol's Lake Beach (boat launch)  
Shelley Lake  
Timber Creek Walk-up Lake



**Dont forget to Vote  
February 13, 2015  
Primary Election**